

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A locking apparatus allows a user to lock and unlock a door even if the user loses a key. The locking apparatus involves a reduced number of parts and is easy to install on a door.

The locking apparatus has a lock driver (7) to electrically lock and unlock a door (3), a fingerprint read/verify unit (9) to receive a fingerprint from a user, verify the received fingerprint by comparing it with registered fingerprint data, and if the fingerprint verification authenticates the user, enable the lock driver to electrically operate, a key cylinder (25) attached to the door, an interlock (35) to interlock the key cylinder with the lock driver, and a key (31) to manually operate the lock driver in cooperation with the key cylinder and interlock.